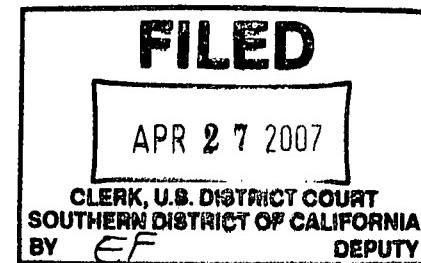


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8                    UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9                    SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10                  (Honorable PETER C. LEWIS)

11                UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) MAGISTRATE CASE 06mj8715-PCL  
12                Plaintiff, )  
13                v. ) EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR  
14                ) AN ORDER ALLOWING  
15                LOURDES VARGAS-ISLAS ) INTERPRETER FEES EXCEEDING  
16                ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS ) \$500 BUT NOT MORE THAN  
17                ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS ) \$1500 FOR THE MATERIAL  
18                Material Witnesses. ) WITNESSES HEREIN NAMED  
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21                INTRODUCTION  
22                I, AL SMITHSON, Attorney for material witnesses LOURDES  
23                VARGAS-ISLAS, ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS, ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS, named in the  
24                above entitled case, petition the Court for interpreter services in  
25                an amount greater than \$500.00 but not to exceed \$1500.00 for each  
26                of the above-named material witnesses.

27                This case involves multiple conferences and debriefings by the  
28                AUSA assigned to the case and her investigative team of agents from  
multiple agencies of the Department of Homeland Security. This

1 case has involved appearances before the Grand Jury and multiple  
2 planned appearances before the Grand Jury in which the witnesses  
3 were present for Grand Jury appearances and debriefings and  
4 preparatory conferences.

5 Because of the lengthy on-going nature of the case and the  
6 investigation, there have been numerous contacts, conferences, and  
7 debriefings by the various agents involved in the case and  
8 arrangements made for numerous trips to San Diego and El Centro.

9 There have been numerous meetings with the family and surety  
10 for the three material witnesses both in arranging for their real  
11 property bonds but also in arranging for their availability for  
12 contacts with the case agents and the AUSA assigned to the case.

13 WHEREFORE an order granting additional interpreter services is  
14 respectfully sought herewith in an amount greater than \$500.00 but  
15 not to exceed \$1500.00 for each of the material witnesses LOURDES  
16 VARGAS-ISLAS, ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS, and ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS.

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18 DATED: April 20, 2007.

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